



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A - MAY 17, 2026

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4.30pm  
Closed on Public Holidays

**BASILICA CLOSED - Monday May 18**  
**Tuesday May 19 -Pending Closure**

### Basilica Opening Hours

Monday 10am-3pm\*  
Tuesday - Friday 9am-3pm  
Saturday-Sunday: Mass Times  
*\*Please note change of hours\**

### MASS TIMES

#### Weekday Mass

10.00am Tuesday – Saturday  
ROSARY recited prior to Mass

#### Reconciliation

After 10am Mass Saturday

#### Saturday

6.00pm (Vigil)

#### Sunday

7.30am; 9.30am; 11.00am;  
12.30pm (Polish)

#### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays after 10am Mass

#### Novena to St Anthony

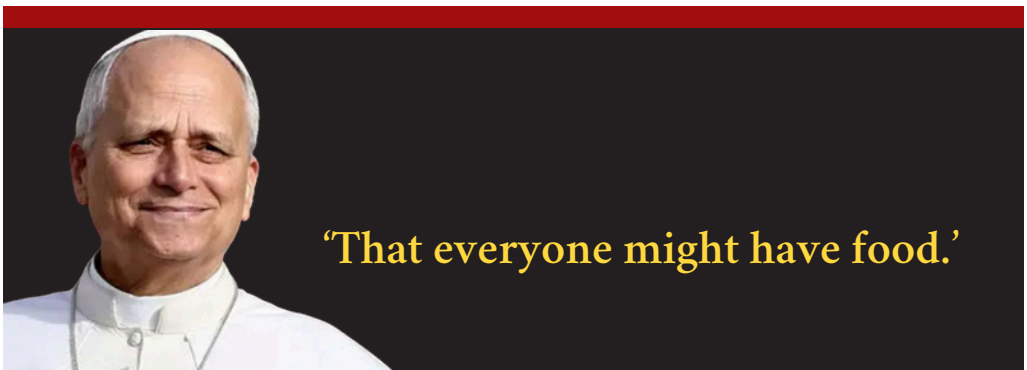
Tuesdays after 10am Mass

#### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday at 9.00am

### CALENDAR DATES

May 13- Our Lady of Fatima  
May 14- St Mathias Feast  
May 25- Our Lady, Help of Christians  
May 26- St Philip Neri



### Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for May 2026

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amén.

Lord of creation, You gave us the fertile earth and, with it, our daily bread, as a sign of Your love and providence.

Today we recognize with sorrow that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger, while so many goods are wasted at our tables.

Awaken in us a new awareness: that we learn to thank for every food, to consume simply, to share with joy, and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from You, destined for all, not just a few.

Good Father, make us capable of transforming the logic of selfish consumption into a culture of solidarity. May our communities promote concrete gestures: awareness campaigns, food banks, and a sober and responsible lifestyle.

You who sent us Your beloved Son Jesus, broken bread for the life of the world, give us a new heart, hungry for justice and thirsty for fraternity.

May no one be excluded from the common table, and may Your Spirit teach us to see bread not as an object of consumption, but as a sign of communion and care.

Amen.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-04/pope-s-may-prayer-intention-that-everyone-might-have-food.html>

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In the spirit of reconciliation, the Parish of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong acknowledges the Waddawarrung people, the Traditional Owners and Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

# Liturgy of the Word



## Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.

He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28: 19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

## Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

## First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 46: 2-3. R. v.6

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.



Lord Jesus,

We thank you for the gift of Pope Leo, who leads Your Church with humility and hope. As he marks one year of service, strengthen him with Your grace and fill his heart with courage. May his message—"Peace be with you all" take root in our homes, our parish, and our world. Bless him with wisdom, joy, and the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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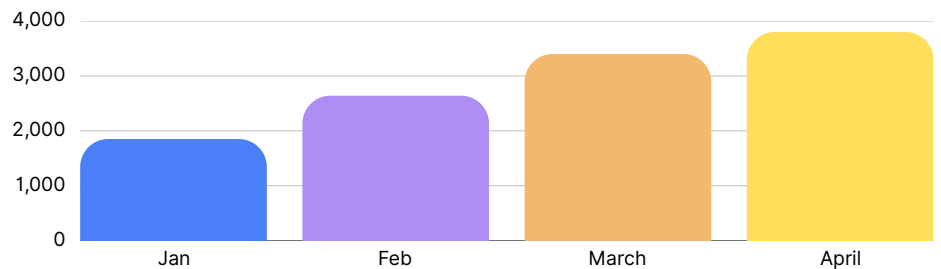


## St Marys Parish Pantry



The Parish Pantry has already supported 837 people so far this year, providing vital assistance to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity in our community.

More than 8,335kg of food has been distributed through donations from Foodbank in 2026 alone. The month on month growth as represented in the graph below, highlights the growing need for accessible food relief and the incredible impact of community support.



The Parish Pantry relies on the generosity and support of our parish community to continue helping those in need. Parishioners can assist by donating non-perishable food items, making tax-deductible financial contributions, volunteering their time, and helping to promote the pantry by spreading the word to friends, family and the wider community. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference.

We thank our current donors for their generosity and ongoing support. If you wish to contribute, please contact the Parish Office or the St Marys Parish Pantry Coordinators Joe, Gary & Joanne.

The Parish Pantry is located at 150 Yarra Street Geelong and is Open 1-3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

## NOTICE BOARD

### Cafe Light

Please call into Cafe Light held in The Hibernian Hall for a cup of tea and some delicious food to support Viqueque! Only \$5.00 per person with wonderful service from the great Sacred Heart Team.

### Feedback Month – Parish Survey

As part of Feedback Month, parishioners are invited to complete a short survey to share their experience of connection within our Parish. Simply scan the QR Code or access a printed survey from the Narthex. Due before May 31.

### Annual Parish Mass Count

We thank our Collectors who will conduct the Parish Mass count throughout the month: 16 & 17 / 23 & 24 May.

### Fundraiser for Meredith Parish

An afternoon of Music, Dance & Fellowship to raise funds for the Parish Office and Mission Centre Sunday May 31st, 12-5pm at the Lara Hall (1A Flinders Ave, Lara). Tickets \$20. Contact St Joseph's Parish 5286 1230



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**Pentecost Sunday : Readings**

Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23

**6.00pm VIGIL**  
**Commentator:** Lorraine  
**Reader:** Trish  
**Special Ministers:** Vicki / Margot  
**Welcomer:** Samina  
**Main Collector:** Vince  
**AV Operator:** Natalia

**7.30am**  
**Commentator:** Nola  
**Reader:** Seung-Hun  
**Special Ministers:** Annette / Nola  
**Welcomer:** Monica  
**Main Collector:** Lachlan  
**AV Operator:** Antonia

**9.30am**  
**Commentator:** Rhonda  
**Reader:** Geoff  
**Special Ministers:** Maree/ Erminia / Rhonda  
**Welcomer:** Marita  
**Main Collector:** Mick  
**AV Operator:** Dominic

**11.00am**  
**Commentator:** Domenica  
**Reader:** Shirley  
**Special Ministers:** Domenica / Linda / Liz  
**Welcomer:** Prue  
**Main Collector:** Michael  
**AV Operator:** Charlene

**WELCOME**

**A warm welcome to all who join us at St Mary's today—whether you are visiting or returning, we are grateful to share this Mass with you as one community in faith.**

**BULLETIN**

To receive the bulletin by email, or to suggest a notice for the weekly bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on [admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au) by the end of Tuesday.



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*Please reach out if you'd like to volunteer at the Piety Stall*

**Weekly Quote**

'Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.'

from Pope Leo XIV

**As a community, we pray for:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Serapino Tassone, Ray Digby

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Lucila Abellana Rosas, Joan Monsour, Francesco Posterino, Catherine O'Rourke, Kevin Scanlon, Dr Kevin Shannon, Dionisio Cabardo, Wedad Anawati, Phillip John Farrow, Margaret Tomison

**MONTH MIND:** Elsa Glynn, Flavio Giurco, Alfreda Suchanek, Bridget McCloskey

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** Linda Richardson



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD [CLOW]**

For children Grade 2 – Grade 6

Children's Liturgy 11am Mass

May 17th - CLOW | May 24th- CLOW | May 31st- CLOW | June 7th - CLOW



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